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SUBJECT: USSR ATTITUDE TOWARD CONTINUED ROK FISHING IN
KAMCHATKA WATERS

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(4) MOSCOW 19604, (5) MOSCOW 0998, (6) SEOUL 1340

1.ONE FACTOR IN EXAMINING QUESTION OF FUTURE NORTH PACIFIC
FISHING ALLOCATIONS MAY BE WHETHER OR NOT SOVIETS WILL
IN SOME MANNER ALLOW ROK TO CONTINUE FISHING IN KAMCHATKA
WATERS.

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2. EMBASSY MOSCOW SHOULD THEREFORE APPROACH SOVIETS TO
TRANSMIT ROK VIEWS PARA 3 SEOUL 9925, AS SOON AS ROK CON-
CURRENCE RECEIVED (PARA 3 BELOW) AND REQUEST EARLY RE-
SPONSE. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A MAJOR
PORTION OF ROKG CATCH IN KAMCHATKA IS EXPORTED TO JAPAN
AND THEREFORE ROKG ARGUMENT THAT THESE FISHERY RESOURCES

ARE IMPORTANT TO NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF KOREANS MAY NOT HAVE BASIS IN FACT. WE CONSIDER THIS POINT REQUIRES CLARIFICATION BY ROKG BEFORE EMBASSY MOSCOW TRANSMITS ROKG VIEWS. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE WE ARE TRANSMITTING THIS REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE ROK, WE DO BELIEVE ROK SHOULD HAVE KAMCHATKA ALLOCATION IN LIGHT OF LONG HISTORY OF ROK FISHING IN AREA.

3. FOR SEOUL: SOVIET RESPONSE INSOFAR AS IT REVEALS SOVIET INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE ROK POLLACK FISHERY OFF KAMCHATKA, COULD BE A FACTOR IN FUTURE U.S. DECISIONS ON THE SIZE OF SOVIET AND ROK POLLACK FISHERY WITHIN OUR ZONE. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT INDICATE TO ROKG THAT U.S. IS PREPARED TO PLAY ROLE OF ADVOCATE FOR ROK INTEREST, OR IS CONTEMPLATING REDUCTION OF SOVIET FISHERY TO COMPENSATE ROK FOR REDUCTIONS OFF SOVIET COAST. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE TO ROK THAT USSR HAS BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOME COUNTRIES FOR FISHING AGREEMENTS AND WE THEREFORE NOW THINK IT ADVISABLE TO PASS ROK VIEWS SEOUL 9925 TO USSR. WHILE AS WE NOTED EARLIER (SEOUL 1340) THERE IS SOME RISK IN THIS COURSE, WE BELIEVE ADVANTAGE OF LEARNING SOME INDICATION OF SOVIET VIEWS OUTWEIGHS THIS; THEREFORE WE WOULD WISH ROK CONCURRENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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